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DWR Prepares for High Delta Tide

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is taking precautions to protect western Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta islands from moderate tides that are expected the weekend of January 7-9, 2005.

California Conservation Corps crews will begin filling sandbags at Bradford and Twitchell Islands on Friday morning, January 7 at 10 a.m. The islands are located just south of Highway 12, approximately 15 miles southwest of the city of Lodi.

DWR has arranged for a barge of rock to be available, if needed, to protect the Delta islands. DWR has also recommended that local reclamation districts perform levee patrols during the period of high tide and possible severe weather.

DWR's Flood Center will be informing local agencies of these actions and monitoring the conditions in the Delta.

Local reclamation districts will pay the initial costs for these activities, with possible DWR reimbursement later.

Tides are expected to be one foot above monitor stage at Rio Vista by Saturday. Also forecast is the possibility of a moderate southwesterly wind period beginning Friday afternoon.

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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